Export of Drugs

1121. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) What are the names of the producers who exported Norfloxacin, Danazol, Vincrestitie and Vinblastine during the last two years, yearwise;

(b) what are the names of the countries to which these drugs were exported, the quantity exported to each country by each party; and

(c) what was the foreign exchange amount earned in such exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSH1): (a) t_0 (c) A statement is attached *[Sec* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 54].

Requirement and production of Norfloxacin and Danazol

1122. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI;

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstartred Question 2555 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Norfloxacin & Danazol are being produced from basic stages with indigenously developed technologies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the capacities created and indigenous production of these drugs is much more than the requirement of the country:

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not examined all the factors in respect to these drugs;

(d) what are the specific reasons for allowing the import of these drugs and wasting: valuable foreign exchange;

(e) whether it is also a fact that such an attitude of his Ministry is against the objecive of the Government ot achieve self-sufficiency; and

(f) if so, what corrective steps are Toeing taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EST THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The production of Norfloxacin has been started by M[s Ranbaxy during the last six months. Danazol is produced by Mls. Tamil Nadu Dadha Pharmaceuticals and Mls. Cipla Ltd. The production by M/s. Tamil Nadu Dadha was 127 tonnes during 1987 while Mls. Cipla Limited did not report any production during 1987.

(c) to (f) Import of these drugs is allowed under OGL keeping in view the indigenous production *vis-a-vis* demand, etc., with a view to avoid short supply of these life saving drugs.

Import of vincrestine and vinblastine injections

1123. DR. (SHRTMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2536 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous capacity i_s around ten times of the country's requirement of Vincrestine and Vinblastine Injections:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quality of indigenous production has been accepted throughout the world including USA, UK and other developed countries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the indigenous prices are less than the imported prices;